



Western Riverside County Agriculture Coalition

Director Mark Cowin
California Department of Water Resources
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Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

Re: SAWPA: Round 2 Proposition 84 Implementation Grant draft funding recommendations
Project: LESJWA Alum Application and Effectiveness Monitoring to Canyon Lake

Dear Director Cowin,

This letter is written to object to the DWR's Round 2 Proposition 84 Implementation Grant recommended draft funding levels for the Santa Ana Region. We join with other Round 2 Prop 84 Project Proponents in the SAWPA application to DWR in recommending that funding levels for Round 2 Proposition 84 Implementation grant be changed from 50% to 100% of the allocated amount.

Specifically, the Western Riverside County Agriculture Coalition (WRCAC), a 501 (c) 3 organization, is one of many stakeholders representing the dairy and agricultural operator community on the LESJWA Alum application project for Canyon Lake. We were surprised and extremely disappointed that based on DWR's review that only 50% funding is recommended. This projects match funds are provided by multiple, diverse watershed stakeholders such as dairy and agricultural operators, numerous cities, the County of Riverside, Caltrans, wildlife areas, water agencies and others. These types of grants afford the opportunity for implementation of a large in-lake project that may not otherwise be achievable within the timeframe needed to reach the 2020 compliance date. Reduced funding levels on this project cause additional financial hardship to a large group of watershed stakeholders.

SAWPA is a demonstrated leader in IRWM planning and helped initiate IRWM planning and implementation statewide. They have worked closely over the past years to present the very best plan and develop innovative 21st Century integrated water resources solutions addressing challenges facing our region, we therefore ask that DWR amend the recommended funding list to provide SAWPA's proposal the full 100% funding allocated to the Santa Ana funding area under Proposition 84, Chapter 2 IRWMP Implementation Round 2 Grant Program and specifically with regards to the LESJWA TMDL Task Force Canyon Lake Alum treatment project submission.

Sincerely,

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